



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dedicated to fostering an inclusive culture that respects, values and celebrates the contributions of all our children.



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## Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all of our families. However you spent the Christmas holidays, I hope it was an enjoyable and restful time. It's been lovely welcoming the children back; we're spending these two days refreshing routines and rebuilding connections with each other, and it's been lovely to be back in school.

## Staff News

Over the holidays, Miss Glaves (RGM Class Teacher) celebrated her wedding day! Miss Glaves will not be changing her name for school purposes but I know you will all join us in congratulating the new Mr & Mrs Cottrell on their very happy news.

## Attendance

Good attendance in school is vital. Not only for children to make academic progress but for their mental health and well-being too; children need to interact with peers their age and be sociable. There are certain illnesses which do require time off school such as chicken pox or vomiting, however, with most mild illnesses, children are able to come to school if they are well enough. Please look at this link which breaks down the most common illnesses and how parents should manage absence:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Holidays in term time will **not** be authorised. In exceptional circumstances, a few days leave may be granted and an Exceptional Leave of Absence form must be completed at least 10 days in advance of the date the absence is due to begin. This form can be found here:

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=140&form=23>

Exceptional leave includes religious ceremonies, weddings and funerals, amongst other key events that may happen. All requests will be considered on a case by case basis and take into account children's current and previous year's attendance, and whether similar requests have been granted previously. Proof of an appointment or wedding for example, may be required.

Just to remind families that if you take your child/ren out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

## Changes to Medical/Dietary Requirements

Should your child have specific medical or dietary requirements and there is a change to their diagnosis or treatment at any point in the year, it is your responsibility to inform school of this. Please keep us up to date in order for us to keep your child safe in school. Thank you.

## KEY DATES

### January

- Weds 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Open Morning for Reception 2024 families
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Panto for all children
- w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00-10am Year 1 Stay, Play and Learn Sessions
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Sleepover
- w/b 29<sup>th</sup> Maths Week Y4 TTRS
- Weds 31<sup>st</sup> 2:30pm Open Classrooms for Maths Week – details to follow

### February

- w/b 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:30am Reception Stay, Play & Learn Sessions
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 3:15/20 End of Spring I
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Half Term
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Children return to school
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00pm Progress Meetings
- Weds 21<sup>st</sup> 3:40-6:30pm Progress Meetings
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Thinking Day – children to wear Brownies/Cubs uniforms etc.

### March

- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

## Panto

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, the children will be watching the performance of Beauty & the Beast. For this show, we are asking for donations from all families of £3.00 per child. Whilst this is a voluntary contribution, we may not be able to go ahead without donations. Please make payment on Scopay before 12<sup>th</sup> January, so we have time to cancel if needed without them charging us. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Maths Updates

### Maths drop in session dates for this term

Mrs Hartshorn will be running some more Maths drop in sessions this term.

A creche will be provided for all school aged children so that their adults can attend.

The dates are as follows:

Year 3 Maths drop in session Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 3.30-4.15pm

Year 2 Maths drop in session Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-4.15pm

Year 1 Maths drop in session Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-4.15pm

## Lumen Times Table Rockstars Battles this term

There will be 2 more Times Table Rockstars battles this term against the other Lumen schools. The dates for these are:

Year 4 w/b 29<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3 w/b 11<sup>th</sup> March

## Maths Week w/b 29<sup>th</sup> January

This year we are celebrating Maths Week at the end of January to tie in with the NSPCC Number Day.

Two key events for that week are as follows:

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2.30pm** – Open classroom event for all Saxon Families to attend. More details to follow, but please put that date in your diary.

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day

We will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. There will also be small prizes for the best dressed in each class. Please see the photos at the end of the newsletter for dress up ideas.

## PE Days

A reminder of the days for PE this term:

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday

Year 2 – Tuesday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 – Tuesday

Year 5 – Monday

Year 6 – Thursday

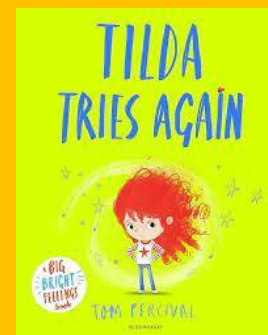
## Reading

*This week's recommendation is by Mrs Kaur - Tilda Tries Again by Tom Percival.*

*Tilda's world is just as she likes it . . . until one day, it turns completely UPSIDE DOWN. All of a sudden, everything is topsy-turvy, and nothing feels right. Things that were once easy now seem incredibly challenging.*

*Can Tilda discover a new way to approach her problems and believe in herself?*

*Bold, bright and empowering, this is an inspiring story about coping with difficult situations. It's the ideal book for helping children to build resilience and embrace a 'can do' approach to life.*



## Oracy Question of the Week

Would you rather have the superpower of strength or flight?

### Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing. <https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1389220>

### Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

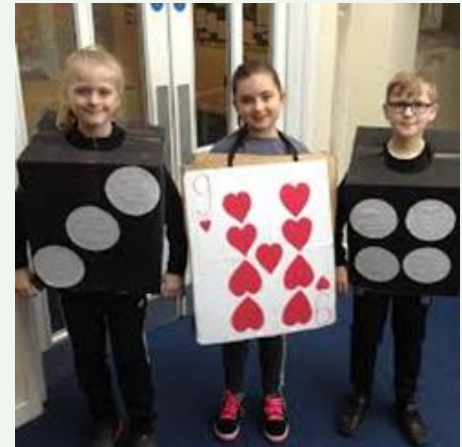
Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390677>



### Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Ethan (2DM) and Kush (4K) very well done to all of these children!



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris  
Headteacher

*Scroll down for more info*

### Dress Up Ideas for Number Day

#### Take up the challenge and Dress up for Digits

Simply ask your children, pupils and staff to wear an item of clothing with a number on it and make a donation.

This can be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie.

Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!

